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FOLLOWING JAKARTA 12575 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO SECDEF  
DA CINCPAC SEP 24; REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 12575

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MILI, ID

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY US MILITARY IN  
DESTRUCTION OF POISON GAS

REF : DLG JAKARTA 240827Z SEP 76

1. DLG HAS RECEIVED AN INFORMAL REQUEST FOR ADVICE AND AS-  
SISTANCE IN THE IDENTIFICATION AND DESTRUCTION OF WHAT IS BE-  
LIEVED TO BE MUSTARD GAS FORMERLY MANUFACTURED AND STORED BY  
THE DUTCH IN BANDUNG. REFTEL SENT BY DLG REQUESTS CERTAIN IN-  
FORMATION TO ENABLE DLG TO RESPOND IF FORMAL REQUEST MADE BY  
GOI AND APPROVED BY WASHINGTON.

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2. AS WILL BE SEEN IN REFTEL, WE ARE ADVISING GOI MILITARY TO

APPROACH DUTCH IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ANY FURTHER PRECISE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO THE TYPE OF SUSPECTED GAS. IF GOI MAKES APPROACH, WE SUSPECT THAT GON MAY WELL OFFER ASSIST DIRECTLY.

3. HOWEVER, IF A FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IS ADDRESSED TO US, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND WITH ADVICE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROMPTLY. BNADUNG SITUATION AS DESCRIBED TO DLG IS A POTENTIAL DISASTER AND OUR ASSISTANCE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A MOST POSITIVE EFFECT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH GOI MILITARY AND OTHER OFFICIALS AWARE OF SITUATION.

4. CLASSIFICATION OF THIS MESSAGE DUE REQUEST GOI FOR CLOSE HOLD SINCE LATTER DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WANT WORD OF DANGEROUS SITUATION TO BECOME PUBLIC.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. NEWSOM UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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